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106 (Section 106) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, requires Federal agencies

to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties

303(d) List of waters and waterways considered impaired by Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources

4(f) (Section 4(f)) Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation act (49 USC 303) is a

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sites, wildlife, waterfowl refuges, and publicly-owned recreation areas.

404 (Section 404) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires the proponents of projects affecting

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Engineers

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management areas, that are protected because they were purchased or improved using the following federal funding sources: Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (LAWCON or LWFC) and Dingle/Johnson funds

(Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act).

AADT average annual daily traffic

Access A means of approaching, entering or exiting the roadway.

ACHP Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADT Average Daily Traffic

AIS Agricultural Impact Statement

Alignments Horizontal and vertical placement of the roadway generally located to the left,

right or center of the existing roadway.

Alternatives A range of transportation improvements, including "reasonable alternatives"

under consideration and those "other alternatives" which are eliminated from

detailed study according to 23 CFR 771.123(c).

AMSL above mean sea level
APE Area of Potential Affects

Attracted Traffic Additional traffic that may be drawn to a highway solely due to improvements in

capacity, safety, travel time and the perception of a more enjoyable driving

environment.

BEES Wisconsin Department of Transportation BEES, the Bureau of Equity and

Environmental Services

BER Bureau of Endangered Resources

BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs

BMP Best Management Practices, state of the art technology as applied to a specific

problem such as soil erosion

BOA Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics
BRRTS Bureau of Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System

C Celsius

Capacity The number of vehicles that can be expected to safely traverse a uniform

segment of roadway during a specific period under prevailing roadway

conditions.

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CERCLIS Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Index

System

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

Clear Zone Roadside recovery areas provided to allow the safe recovery of errant

vehicles that run off the highway.

cm centimeter

CN Canadian National Railway

CO Carbon Monoxide

COE US Army Corps of Engineers

Cooperating Agency Any federal agency other than the lead agency that has jurisdiction by law or

special expertise with respect to the environmental impacts expected to

result from a proposal

Corps US Army Corps of Engineers

CORRACTS Conservation and Recovery Information System Corrective Action Sites

County P (et al) County Trunk Highway P (et al)

CPR Canadian Pacific Railway

added to other past and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

D for C Documentation for Consultation

DATCP Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

decibel (dB) A unit of measure for noise

DEIS Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DNR Department of Natural Resources

DO dissolved oxygen

DOE Determination of Eligibility
DOI U.S. Department of Interior

E.O. 12989 Executive Order on Environmental Justice

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

Endangered species Species identified by either the State or Federal government as likely to be in

danger of becoming extinct through a significant portion of or all of its range

ERNS Federal Resource Federal Emergency Response Notification System List

EPA Environmental Protection Agency
EP/DS Expert Panel/Delphi Survey Participants

ERP Environmental Repair Program ESA Endangered Species Act

Eutrophication The process by which a body of water becomes rich in dissolved nutrients,

thereby encouraging the growth and decomposition of oxygen-depleting plant life

and resulting in harm to other organisms.

Expressway A multilane highway with partial control of access (at grade intersections) along

its right of way.

F Fahrenheit

FAA Federal Aviation Administration FDM Facilities Development Manual

FEIS Final EIS

FEMA Federal Emergency management Agency

FHWA Federal Highway Administration

Freeway A divided multilane highway facility having full control of access (grade separated

interchanges) along its right of way.

FWS Fish and Wildlife Service

Generated Traffic Additional traffic that may be generated due to increase in accessibility,

economic conditions and/or population.

GIS Geographic Information Systems

ha hectares

Haz mat Hazardous materials or hazardous substances

HC Hydrocarbons

HCM Highway Capacity Manual HCS Highway Capacity Software

Historic Property or Under the NHPA, any district, site, building, structure or object included in or

Resource eligible for the NRHP high occupancy vehicle

H₂SO₄ Sulfuric acid

HOV

HMVM hundred million vehicle miles

IH Interstate Highway

IANST Ice Age National Scenic Trail

Indirect Effects Those impacts which are caused by an action and are later in time or further

removed in distance but are still reasonably foreseeable.

ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems

km kilometer

kph kilometer per hour

kv kilovolts

Lead Agency The federal agency responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact

Statement.

Listed animal or plant

species

Refers to a species that is listed as a State or Federal threatened or endangered species. Before a plant or animal species can receive protection under the State or Federal Endangered Species Act, it must first be placed on the state or federal

list of endangered or threatened wildlife and plants

Logical Termini Must be of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope;

must bound a project that has independent utility and significance; should not restrict considerations of alternatives for other reasonably foreseeable

transportation improvements.

Los Level of Service. LOS refers to the overall quality of traffic flow at an intersection

or mainline section. Levels range from very good, represented by LOS A., to very poor, represented by LOS F. LOS C or better operating conditions are typically

considered acceptable.

LUST Leaking Underground Storage Tank

m meter

Mass Transit Refers to the common movements of passengers (i.e. rail and bus service).

mi mile

Mitigation Unavoidable losses due to adverse environmental impacts resulting from a

proposed major transportation improvement. Mitigation efforts can be used to

offset both direct and indirect impact.

mm millimeters

MNDOT Minnesota Department of Transportation

mou memorandum of understanding

mph miles per hour MSL Mean Sea Level

MVMT million vehicle miles of travel

N north

NAC Noise Abatement Criteria

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NHS National Highway System

NOxNitrogen OxidesNO2Nitrogen dioxideNPLNational Priorities ListNPSNational Park Service

NRCS Natural Resource Conservation Service

NRE National Register Eligible

NRHP National Register of Historic Places, the official list of cultural resources worth of

preservation, administered by the National Park Service

NWP Nationwide Permit from USACE for Section 404

 O_3 Ozone

O-D Origin-Destination

pa pascals

PADS Federal PCB Activity Database System

Passing Lane Additional lane provided to improve passing opportunities.

PCBs Polychloronated Biphenyls

Phase 1 Phase 1 Hazardous Materials Site Assessment
Phase 2 Phase 2 Hazardous Materials Site Assessment

Phase I Phase I Archaeological Survey
Phase II Phase II Archaeological Survey
PIM Public Information Meeting

Project Scoping Early process of communication and coordination to identify significant issues to

be addressed during environmental analysis.

Public Hearing A meeting participated in or attended by the people or community at which

testimony is taken.

R/W (ROW) Right-of-way

RCRATSD Resource Conservation and Recovery Act-Treatment Storage, and Disposal

Facilities

Register, the National Register of Historic Places

ROD Record of Decision
ROW Right-of-Way
RSA Road Safety Audit
RST Registered Storage Tank

Safety Standardization is highway design features and traffic control devices

reduces the number of decisions required by the drive, therefore reducing

conflicts and accidents.

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(Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act).

SHPO State Historical Preservation Office SHSW State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Sight Corner An unobstructed sight distance along both approaches of an intersection, a

distance sufficient to allow vehicles in both directions to see each other in time to

prevent collisions at the intersection.

S south

SO₂ Sulfur dioxide SO₃ Sulfur trioxide

SOV Single Occupant Vehicle

Special Concern Any species for which the US Fish and Wildlife Service is concerned about, but

for which there is no formal recognition.

SSD Stopping Sight Distance

Study Area Land within the project corridor that may be directly affected by the proposed

improvement.

tc transportation/corporate

TDM Transportation Demand Management. The use of incentives, and market devices

to shift travel into non-motorized or higher-occupancy modes, and/or shift travel

onto less congested routes.

TH Trunk Highway

Threatened Federal: Species which is likely to become an endangered species within the

foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

<u>State</u>: Species of wild animals or wild plants which appears likely, within the foreseeable future, on the basis of scientific evidence, to become endangered.

Species identified by either the State or the Federal government as likely to be in

danger of becoming endangered in the foreseeable future.

Title VI Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
TPC Transportation Projects Commission
TRI Federal Toxic Release Inventory

Tribe Native American Tribe

Trust, the (National The National Trust for Historic Preservation

Trust)

Threatened species

TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act Inventory

TWLTL two-way-left-turn-lane
TSP Total Suspended particulate

UP Union Pacific

US 53 United States Highway 53 USACE (Corps) (COE) US Army Corps of Engineers

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USFS United States Forest Service

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

USFWS US Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS United States Geological Survey
UST Underground Storage Tank

VE Value Engineering vpd vehicles per day vph vehicles per hour

WCL Wisconsin Central Limited

WCWRPC West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

WDNR Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
WDOA Wisconsin Department of Administration
WEPA Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act
WIS (e.g. WIS 25) Wisconsin State Trunk Highway 25
WisDOT Wisconsin Department of Transportation